

REMARKS

Claims 6, 13, 16 through 18, 20, and 21 are pending in this Application.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 13, 16 through 18, 20, and 21 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 13, 16 through 18, 20, and 21 have been amended. In addition, the specification has also been amended consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Claims 1, 3 through 5, 8, 10 through 12, and 17 through 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Zhao et al.* (US 20080153500, "Zhao").

Claims 2 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness based on *Zhao* in view of *Gielow et al.* (US 20050188406, "Gielow").

Claims 7 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness based on *Zhao* in view of *El-Beik et al.* (US 20050117595, "El-Beik").

Each of the above rejections is traversed. Specifically, since claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, these rejections are rendered moot.

Claims 6, 13, 16 through 18, 20, and 21.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 16 through 18, 20, and 21 were allowed, and claims 6 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, claims 6 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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